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Dear Max:

Do you remember having met Ethelyn Lively at Cold Spring Harbor? I am looking around for a position suitable for her talents, and it occurred to me that you might be able to make the best use of them. Miss Lively has done all of the technical work in cytology here. I think you would agree that her preparations and photographs were as good as anyone has made.

If we were a larger group, or if I had the time to concentrate on cytological work, I wouldn't think of letting her go. However, she is not at all suited to do independent work, and I have not been able to provide the close direction needed to exploit her capacities to the extent they merit.

More recently, she has been learning micromanipulator technique, and has been plating small microcolonies from single cells of H-226 and H-267 to secure further data on the true segregation ratios. This work has not gone far enough to say much about it, but the highly aberrant ratios from gross colony selection are largely, if not altogether, biased by differential growth of different haploid types.

If you think that Miss Lively might fit well into your group, please let me know and I will suggest that she then apply directly to you. She has a master's in Genetics as of 1951; I do not think she would qualify for the doctorate in the reasonably near future, although she is continuing to mature at a slow rate. If you could use someone skilled in cytological technique to work under your immediate supervision, you could hardly do better.

I noticed your name on the Ames biostat. program. We're not going anywhere to speak of this year, and so will regrettably miss seeing you. Do you think you could visit Madison en route?

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg